

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1227

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2015

RE: S.C.R. No. 75
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 75 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY AND REHABILITATION SCIENCE CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY TO REQUIRE YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS TO INITIATE AND IMPLEMENT CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PLANS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request that the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science convene a working group to develop an implementation strategy to require youth sports organizations to initiate and implement concussion management plans.

Your Committee did not receive any testimony on this measure.

Your Committee finds that concussions may cause lasting health effects and long-term physical damage, including memory loss, intense aggression, language impairment, and personality changes. Modern treatments to combat these serious effects include baseline and post-injury neuropsychological and balance assessments. Increasingly, in situations involving children, these treatments include a physician's examination and release of a concussed child prior to the child's return to sports or active play. These forms of treatment are vital to the proper evaluation and treatment of a concussed child.

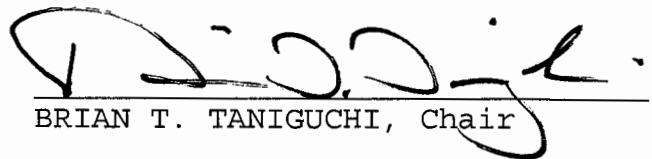


Your Committee further finds that concussions, specifically the absence of a coherent or streamlined treatment plan of concussions, are a constant and serious issue in the realm of interscholastic sports and youth sports leagues. Additionally, this issue has further spread to include legal actions nationwide. However, not all youth sports organizations in Hawaii employ concussion management plans. This measure seeks to resolve this by convening a working group, through the University of Hawaii at Manoa Department of Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science, to develop a strategy to require youth sports organizations to implement and initiate concussion management plans.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 75, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 75, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education
and the Arts,



BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Higher Education and the Arts
HEA

Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 75	Committee Referral: HEA, WAM	Date: 3-31-2015		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KAHELE, Gilbert	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.				✓
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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